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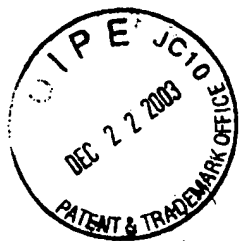
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Introductory Remarks:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 (Paper No. 12, herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

It is believed that entry of this Amendment is timely filed on or before December 30, 2003. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.